

ELECTIONS/RESTRICTIONS

The Examiner has required restriction between product and process claims and has identified two distinct inventions. Invention I (claims 1-8) and Invention II (claims 9-13).

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Invention I, claims 1-8, for further examination, with traverse.

Claim 9 is a product claim dependent on claim 1, which is a process claim. Claim 9 therefore is a product-by-process claim and should properly be examined with claims 1-8

Furthermore, it is submitted that there would not be a serious burden on the examiner without restriction. The product claims (claims 9-13) are not so numerous, and are similar enough in scope to the process claims, that searching and examining both sets of claims would not impose a serious burden on the examiner. Therefore, restriction in this case is not proper.

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